

WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND: BY DREW PEARSON

Youthful Diplomatic Jousting

WASHINGTON, March 29—Carlos Frondizi of Argentina does not know the youth around the White House, and neither does the youth of Brazil know that youth. The White House has also waged a campaign against him.

The youth is 30-year-old Richard Goodwin, Kennedy's assistant Secretary of State for the American Republics, who is the President's closest adviser on Latin American affairs.

Goodwin is a bright kid with no Latin American background. He got his start investigating disc-jockey payola and TV quiz shows, zoomed into the good graces of Sen. John F. Kennedy, helped elect him, and is now molding the destinies of an entire continent.

IT WAS RICHARD, the Latin-Lionhearted, who kept putting the squeeze on President Frondizi of Argentina to take a strong stand against Castro at the Punta del Este conference. The harder Goodwin pushed, the more it annoyed the followers of ex-Dictator Peron, whose election successes led to Frondizi's deposition.

Right now, President Goulart of Brazil is the subject of a hassle between Goodwin and the leader of the Senate, Mike Mansfield of Montana. Mansfield wrote to the State Department say-

ing that the Senate was bogged down with joint sessions of Congress to honor distinguished visitors and he would have to have fewer of them if he was to pass any Kennedy legislation. The State Department agreed, and a compromise was worked out whereby only heads of state on state missions would address joint sessions. Heads of state receiving an "executive" invitation, however, could invite from the President, without Senate approval.

That cut out President Goulart of Brazil, leaving April 3.

Immediately this aroused the indignant Dick Goodwin, who went over Senator Mansfield's head to Kennedy and got Mansfield reversed.

NOTHING BUT A BRAZILIAN VISITOR also figured in the controversial life of young Richard—namely, Carlos Lacerda, hard-hitting Brazilian newspaper publisher and Governor of Guanabara.

Lacerda's Rio de Janeiro newspaper is vigorously pro-American. He could be the next president of Brazil. Yet when he came to Washington recently he was not invited to the White House.

He was invited to address the Overseas Press Club in New York where Dick Goodwin heard him and was asked by American friends to make an appointment with Kennedy. Dick was noncommittal.

Newspapermen finally arranged the appointment.

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